

# **EXHIBIT A**

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**BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT SECURITIES LLC**

In Liquidation

**DECEMBER 11, 2008<sup>1</sup>**

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S DETERMINATION OF CLAIM**

October 26, 2009

Olga Krakauer & Peter Benzaia JT WROS  
269-10 Grand Central Pkwy  
Floral Park, NY 11005

Dear Olga Krakauer & Peter Benzaia JT WROS:

**PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY.**

The liquidation of the business of BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT SECURITIES LLC ("BLMIS") is being conducted by Irving H. Picard, Trustee under the Securities Investor Protection Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78aaa *et seq.* ("SIPA"), pursuant to an order entered on December 15, 2008 by the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

The Trustee has made the following determination regarding your claims on BLMIS Account No. 1ZA451 designated as Claim Number 000864, Claim Number 001892 and Claim Number 008916 (the latter two of which are duplicative of Claim Number 000864) and are combined ("Combined Claim") for purposes of this determination. This letter shall serve as the Trustee's determination with respect to the Combined Claim:

Your Combined Claim for a credit balance of \$874,440.00 and for securities is **DENIED**. No securities were ever purchased for your account.

Your Combined Claim is **ALLOWED** for \$49,296.38 (the "Allowed Claim"), which was the balance in your BLMIS Account on the Filing Date based on the amount of money you deposited with BLMIS for the purchase of securities, less withdrawals, as outlined in Table 1 attached hereto.

<sup>1</sup> Section 7811(7)(B) of SIPA states that the filing date is "the date on which an application for a protective decree is filed under 78eee(a)(3)," except where the debtor is the subject of a proceeding pending before a United States court "in which a receiver, trustee, or liquidator for such debtor has been appointed and such proceeding was commenced before the date on which such application was filed, the term 'filing date' means the date on which such proceeding was commenced." Section 7811(7)(B). Thus, even though the Application for a protective decree was filed on December 15, 2008, the Filing Date in this action is on December 11, 2008, for a protective decree was filed on December 11, 2008.

Your **ALLOWED CLAIM** of \$49,296.38 will be satisfied in the following manner:

The enclosed **ASSIGNMENT AND RELEASE** must be executed, notarized and returned in the envelope provided herewith. Upon receipt of the executed and notarized **ASSIGNMENT AND RELEASE**, the Trustee will make a full satisfaction of your **ALLOWED CLAIM** by sending you a check in the amount of \$49,296.38, with the funds being advanced by Securities Investor Protection Corporation pursuant to section 78fff-3(a)(1) of SIPA.

Should a final and unappealable court order determine that the Trustee is incorrect in his interpretation of "net equity" and its corresponding application to the determination of customer claims, the Trustee will be bound by that order and will apply it retroactively to all previously determined customer claims in accordance with the Court's order. Nothing in this Notice of Trustee's Determination of Claim shall be construed as a waiver of any rights or claims held by you in having your customer claim re-determined in accordance with any such Court order.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:** If you disagree with this determination and desire a hearing before Bankruptcy Judge Burton R. Lifland, you **MUST** file your written opposition, setting forth the grounds for your disagreement, referencing Bankruptcy Case No. 08-1789 (BRL) and attaching copies of any documents in support of your position, with the United States Bankruptcy Court **and** the Trustee within **THIRTY DAYS** after October 26, 2009, the date on which the Trustee mailed this notice.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE:** If you do not properly and timely file a written opposition, the Trustee's determination with respect to your claim will be deemed confirmed by the Court and binding on you.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE:** If you properly and timely file a written opposition, a hearing date for this controversy will be obtained by the Trustee and you will be notified of that hearing date. Your failure to appear personally or through counsel at such hearing will result in the Trustee's determination with respect to your claim being confirmed by the Court and binding on you.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE:** You must mail your opposition, if any, in accordance with the above procedure, to each of the following addresses:

Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court for  
the Southern District of New York  
One Bowling Green  
New York, New York 10004

and

Irving H. Picard, Trustee  
c/o Baker & Hostetler LLP  
45 Rockefeller Plaza  
New York, New York 10111

  
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Irving H. Picard

Trustee for the Liquidation of the Business of  
Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC

cc: Peter Benzaia  
166 Second Ave.  
New York, NY 10003

DEPOSITS		
DATE	TRANSACTION DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
12/11/1992	CHECK	\$102,000.00
2/23/2000	CHECK	\$500,000.00
10/1/2002	CHECK	\$67,000.00
10/27/2003	CHECK	\$70,000.00
6/25/2004	CHECK	\$30,000.00
2/7/2005	CHECK	\$49,755.00
2/7/2005	CHECK	\$3,245.00
8/24/2006	CHECK	\$100,000.00
<b>Total Deposits:</b>		\$922,000.00
WITHDRAWALS		
DATE	TRANSACTION DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
4/8/1993	CHECK	(\$5,312.32)
4/19/1993	CXL CHECK 4/8/93	\$5,312.32
12/5/1994	CHECK	(\$17,000.00)
12/15/1995	CHECK	(\$10,000.00)
1/31/1997	CHECK	(\$20,000.00)
5/25/1999	CHECK	(\$30,000.00)
11/1/1999	CHECK	(\$10,848.98)
1/25/2000	CHECK	(\$3,371.00)
4/20/2000	CHECK	(\$166,818.00)
1/10/2001	CHECK	(\$10,945.00)
4/6/2001	CHECK	(\$25,484.55)
7/9/2001	CHECK	(\$17,560.94)
10/9/2001	CHECK	(\$12,331.25)
1/11/2002	CHECK	(\$19,021.57)
4/10/2002	CHECK	(\$6,574.47)
7/8/2002	CHECK	(\$23,582.53)
10/7/2002	CHECK	(\$29,042.91)
1/10/2003	CHECK	(\$11,769.11)
4/9/2003	CHECK	(\$13,577.71)
7/8/2003	CHECK	(\$17,481.26)
10/9/2003	CHECK	(\$21,593.83)
1/8/2004	CHECK	(\$8,581.12)
4/8/2004	CHECK	(\$14,399.41)
7/7/2004	CHECK	(\$21,866.74)
10/7/2004	CHECK	(\$18,894.78)
4/7/2005	CHECK	(\$15,591.22)
7/7/2005	CHECK	(\$16,673.10)
10/7/2005	CHECK	(\$15,277.98)

1/9/2006	CHECK	(\$25,335.67)
4/7/2006	CHECK	(\$19,634.03)
7/10/2006	CHECK	(\$21,737.14)
10/6/2006	CHECK	(\$38,410.76)
1/8/2007	CHECK	(\$22,651.39)
4/4/2007	CHECK	(\$20,113.01)
7/6/2007	CHECK	(\$26,512.24)
10/4/2007	CHECK	(\$26,872.13)
1/8/2008	CHECK	(\$21,064.52)
4/7/2008	CHECK	(\$10,754.32)
7/7/2008	CHECK	(\$48,228.08)
10/6/2008	CHECK	(\$13,102.87)
<b>Total Withdrawals:</b>		(\$872,703.62)
<b>Total deposits less withdrawals:</b>		\$49,296.38